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Title : DISCRETE-TIME SAMPLING OF DATA FOR USE IN SWITCHING REGULATORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1 of the application, please insert - This is a continuation application of  
U.S. Application Serial No. 08/991,394, filed December 16, 1997, --  
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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add the following new claims:

23. (New) A method of operating a voltage regulator having an input terminal to be coupled to an input voltage source and an output terminal to be coupled to a load, comprising:  
alternately coupling and decoupling the input terminal to the output terminal with a power switch;  
filtering a current between the input terminal and the output terminal to provide a substantially DC voltage at the output terminal;  
capturing a measurement of an electrical characteristic of the voltage regulator at a discrete moment of time with a sampling circuit;  
receiving the captured measurement with a feedback circuit coupled to the sampling circuit and the power switch; and  
using the measurement to control the power switch to maintain the DC voltage substantially constant.

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